(c) whether Government have formulated any national level scheme for encouraging the commercial production from these cows; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No new breeds of cows have been developed between the years 2002—2005.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rule for fixing MSP of wheat

†2406. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for fixing Minimum Support Price of Wheat;

(b) the rent per acre of land fixed for Minimum Support Price of Wheat and the expenses supposed to be incurred on diesel, manure, water, seeds, labour etc. for per acre of land;

(c) the basis on which these figures have been fixed;

(d) the steps being taken by Government for providing actual price to the farmers for their crops; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities, including wheat, on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). While recommending MSPs, CACP keeps in view (i) the need to provide incentive to the producer for adopting improved technology and for developing a production pattern broadly in the light of national requirements; (ii) the need to ensure rational utilization of land, water and other production resources; (iii) the likely effect of the price policy on the rest of the economy, particularly on the cost of living, level of wages, industrial cost structure, etc. and (iv) terms of trade between agricultural sector and non-agricultural sector.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The estimates of cost of cultivation are arrived at through field surveys. The relevant cost data are collected from sample farmers. The break up of the estimated cost of different items incurred on per hectare of wheat cultivation for 2003-04 in important wheat growing States is given below:—

(Rs. Per Ha.)

Cost Item	State			
	U.P.	Punjab	Haryana	M.P.
Rent	5329.01	9202.63	7679.23	4406.15
Manure	31.57	56.24	0.00	49.58
Irrigation Charges	1892.90	504.35	1906.19	1881.60
Seed	1175.60	836.38	1004.19	963.18
Human Labour	3354.44	2037.83	3985.71	2337.28
Animal Labour	378.12	93.15	278.38	84.70
Machine Labour	2804.50	3225.94	3286.86	1436.62
Total cost of cultivation	19241.29	22415.03	23580.50	14992.37

Note: The expenditure under irrigation and machinery is inclusive of the expenditure on diesel and electricity.

(d) and (e) The Government organize procurement operations through public and cooperative agencies at the Minimum Support Prices. During the year 2004-05 and 2005-06, the position of wheat procurement in various States is as follows:—

Procurement of Wheat

(in lakh tones)

State	2004-05	2005-06
Haryana	51.15	45.29
M.P.	3.49	4.84
Punjab	92.40	90.10
Rajasthan	2.79	1.59
U.P.	17.41	5.60
Uttaranchal	0.54	0.40
Others	0.18	0.03
TOTAL:	167.96	147.85